

REMARKS

Claim 43 has been canceled, without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter thereof in a continuing application, in order to eliminate the obviousness double patenting rejection based on U.S. Patent No. 6,899,866.

Enclosed is a terminal disclaimer to obviate the obviousness double patenting rejection based on commonly owned application no. 10/966,460.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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